

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composition comprising an immunogenic peptide having an HLA-A2.1 binding motif, which immunogenic peptide has 9 residues and the following residues:

5 a first conserved residue at the second position from the N-terminus selected from the group consisting of I, V, A and T;

10 a second conserved residue at the C-terminal position selected from the group consisting of V, L, I, A and M.

2. A composition comprising an immunogenic peptide having an HLA-A2.1 binding motif, which immunogenic peptide has 9 residues:

15 a first conserved residue at the second position from the N-terminus selected from the group consisting of L, M, I, V, A and T;

20 a second conserved residue at the C-terminal position selected from the group consisting of A and M;

3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the amino acid at position 1 is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of D, and P.

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4. The composition of claim 2, wherein the amino acid at position 1 is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of D, and P.

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5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the amino acid at position 3 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of D, E, R, K and H.

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6. The composition of claim 2, wherein the amino acid at position 3 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of D, E, R, K and H

7. The composition of claim 1, wherein the amino acid at position 6 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R, K and H.

5 8. The composition of claim 2, wherein the amino acid at position 6 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R, K and H.

10 9. The composition of claim 1, wherein the amino acid at position 7 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R, K, H, D and E.

15 10. The composition of claim 2, wherein the amino acid at position 7 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R, K, H, D and E.

11. A composition comprising an immunogenic peptide having an HLA-A2.1 binding motif, which immunogenic peptide has about 10 residues:

20 a first conserved residue at the second position from the N-terminus selected from the group consisting of L, M, I, V, A, and T; and

25 a second conserved residue at the C-terminal position selected from the group consisting of V, I, L, A and M;

wherein the first and second conserved residues are separated by 7 residues.

12. The composition of claim 11, wherein the amino acid at position 1 is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of D, E and P.

30 35 13. The composition of claim 11, wherein the amino acid at position 3 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of D and E.

14. The composition of claim 11, wherein the amino acid at position 4 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of A, K, R and H.

5 15. The composition of claim 11, wherein the amino acid at positon 5 from the N-terminus is not P.

10 16. The composition of claim 11, wherein the amino acid at position 7 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R, K and H.

15 17. The composition of claim 11, wherein the amino acid at position 8 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of D, E, R, K and H.

18. The composition of claim 11, wherein the amino acid at position 9 from the N-terminus is not an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R, K and H.

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